

Banaadir Academy School Newsletter

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A Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents

December is full of holiday activities, family fun and special celebrations. Together our entire community has demonstrated why Banaadir Academy is one of the finest programs in the District. We have been pleased with the academic progress that is happening each and every day.

Banaadir Academy's canned food drive in Nov. /Dec. was a huge success! Banaadir students and families raised a total of 848 cans! All food donations will be distributed to the local food shelter. Thank you for your support! These and other joyous events are important, but our learning never stops. Student achievement in all areas continues to be a top priority. Teachers are continuing to

develop motivating lessons that are in line with district and state standards and which ensure that all students are engaged in meaningful work.

Winter break begins Dec. 22 through Jan. 2. Have a safe, joyful winter break with your "Banaadir Stars" and I look forward to the start of the second semester on January 5!

Sincerely,
Mr. Strait

Important Dates

December

December 22nd – Winter Break Starts

January

January 5th – School resumes

January 19th- Martin Luther King Holiday (No school for staff and students)

January 22nd- End of 2nd quarter

January 23rd – Staff Development

Day (No school for students)

February

Title 1 Night

February 16th – Presidents Day (Normal school day- make-up for Dec 8th)

February 27th – Staff Development Day (No school for students)

Family Reading Night



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." NELSON MANDELA

I want to say thank you to all of you who came to our first Title 1/reading night of the year! It was a wonderful night full of reading tips and other fun activities. We had bookmarks to make, games to play, great food to eat, and stories to listen to. It was great to see so many students get signed up for a library card and I hope they will all be able to go to the library on a regular basis.

It was nice to meet our student's parents and have a chance to talk to you for a little while. I hope you enjoyed yourself and will come to our next event this winter.

Ruth Kerl

Third and Fourth Graders Visit the Library!

The third and fourth graders had the great opportunity of visiting the Minneapolis Public Library last week. This opportunity helped show our students where and how they could check out books. These public libraries are a great source for children's book. Please check into the closest locations for your family.

Autumn Field Trips

First Quarter, Banaadir students attended several fun and informative field trips. On October 16th, the first through fifth grades students to trip to Sever's Corn Maze in Shakopee. They had a great time exploring the maze, seeing the animals at the petting zoo and jumping in the corn pit. The kindergartners also took a field trip in October to the Minnetonka Orchards, where they climbed Hay Mountain, took a hayride and ate lots of apples.



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Student Council

Student Council members are representatives for all the other students. They hold meetings to discuss issues that are important for the students and for the school. They also organize events for the school. Some activities the Student Council will be involved with are: food drives for the needy, other community service events, fun events for the school, and other events to help the students of Banaadir. Student Council members learn organization skills, leadership skills, and become participating citizens by getting involved in community service. In the upcoming issues of our newsletter the middle school student council members will be asking Banaadir staff their opinions and ideas about different subjects.

The Middle School members of Student Council are:

Isse Mahamud – Vice President
Nuney Said
Asha Noor – President
Abdiirhman Awil
Hussein Gelle
Nasro Mahamud – Recorder

Question of the Month

WHY TEACHERS TEACH

By: Nasro Farah

I am secretary of the student council. And I would like to know why teachers teach. I found out that Ms. Ross likes to teach math and wants students who struggle with math to understand. So she can help them. Ms. Magnuson loves reading and writing and wants her students to learn how to read and write so they can get further in life. Mr. Knudson enjoys history so this way he wanted to teach middle schoolers because they are creative. He also likes helping kids succeed.